

# Hailstorm Ridge Trig Point.



## Hailstorm Ridge Trig Point.

**Starting Point:** Stacksteads, 2 miles West of Rawtenstall.

**Finishing Point:** Stacksteads, 2 miles West of Rawtenstall.

**Walk Profile:** 5.49 miles / Ascent 1141ft / Descent 1142ft.

**Required Time:** 2.5 - 2.75 Hours (2.5mph).

**Difficulty:**



**Transport:** Regular bus services from Burnley.  
No parking available apart from side streets.

[www.davesoutpost.co.uk](http://www.davesoutpost.co.uk)

1....The walk starts at the Hare and Hounds Public House on the main A681 approx. 2.5 miles East of Rawtenstall. Head down Branwood Road opposite the public house and turn left at the end of the road , proceeding up the hill past the church (Point 1).

2....Continue on this road and do not take any of the turn offs. You will pass the junction of Royds Road shortly, this is the route that you will be returning on (Point 2). Carry on heading up hill, and you will find that the higher you climb the narrower the road will get, and finally by the side of the radio transmitters the road turns into a rough gravel track as it bears to the left as it heads up on to the moors (Point 3).

3....The track as I have already said, gets very rough towards the top of the climb however, there are some old cart tracks which you will come across and make walking up the hill a lot easier on the feet. Continue up Rooley Moor Road to the junction and sign post at the top of the hill (point 4).

4....At a junction, follow the farm track to the left for approx. 650 feet. You will notice a large slab of stone to your right (point 5). At this point (and facing the large stone) follow the faint footpath up hill and to the right.

5....After approx. 400 feet you will arrive at the trig point. The most prominent feature you will see from here is of course, the wind turbines at Scout Moor however, views from the trig point are reasonable on a clear day.

From the trig point on Hailstorm Ridge, proceed to the large boundary stone and then, follow the narrow track in the direction of the wind turbines on Scout Moor.

6....As you proceed, You will notice a series of small piles marker stones to the left. At the second pile of stones (point 6) turn right across open featureless moorland. After a very short time (approx. 300 feet) you will see large mound of grass in the distance this is you aiming point (point 7). On this part of the walk the walking is fairly good but there is no track visible and its a good idea to keep an eye on your gps for direction.

[www.davesoutpost.co.uk](http://www.davesoutpost.co.uk)

## Hailstorm Ridge Trig Point.

7....From the grassy mound there is a faint grassed over farm track heading of to the right and downhill. This faint farm track will lead you back down the hill and on to the Rossendale Way where you will turn left (point 8).

8....The Rossendale Way offers good walking, with excellent views to the North and over the Rossendale valley and beyond, the most prominent view being a bird's eye view of Cowpe reservoir. You will stay on this track for approx. 1.5 miles.

9....The next part is not quite so interesting, a trip through a disused quarry, with the only views being the occasional view of a wind turbine. However, this soon passes and the great views to the North are restored as you exit the disused quarry. Proceed on this track until you reach a PBW marker post, which is just in front of a metal farm gate. Around here keep a look out for two large wooden posts and some steps in the side of the wall (point 9).

10...At this point turn right, and climb over the wall between the two posts heading the direction the small sign on the post points too. Proceed down hill following the line of the wall.

11...The path on the way down is not visible at all but, continue going down hill staying on the left hand side of the stone wall until you reach a farm track (point 10). Here at the PBW marker post, turn right along the track. Pass through the wooden gate and stay on this track all the way down the hill.

12...On the decent back in to small village of Cowpe, the going gets quite steep in places and the farm track is covered in loose rubble (point 11). But eventually, you will arrive at some small garages (point 12). Here turn right, and follow the main road running up through the village for approx. 300 feet.

13...At this point you will notice some small garages on the left (point 13). Once at the garages, turn left and proceed down the side of the first garage and head down to the small stream. Follow the path directly ahead as it climbs up the field. You will be walking on a narrow path between two fences towards the stile at the top of the hill.

14...Once you have passed through the gate proceed down the gravel track passed the football field (point 14) (which is on the left). The farm track soon turns into a tarmac road which leads in turn, back on to Rakehead road, this is the road that you came on earlier . At this junction turn left, and head back down the hill on Rakehead Road.

At the bottom of the hill follow the road as it bears off to the right and after approx. 600 feet you will find yourself back on the main A681 with the Hare and Hound Public House just up the road to the right and you have finished this walk.

[www.davesoutpost.co.uk](http://www.davesoutpost.co.uk)

[www.davesoutpost.co.uk](http://www.davesoutpost.co.uk)

# Hailstorm Ridge Trig Point Map.

[www.davesoutpost.co.uk](http://www.davesoutpost.co.uk)

